objectives the expansion of productive employment through growth of the industry, and the enrichment of human resource skills and capabilities, with special emphasis on those working in the decentralized sectors of the industry. It calls for welfare schemes for ensuring a healthy and safe working environment for powerloom workers; in the handloom sector, it requires measures for skill upgradation and training of weavers to produce high value items or alternate employment in textile and allied sectors; and in the organized mill industry, emphasizes a pragmatic and rational exit policy with adequate protection of the workers interest, including a review of the Textile Wokers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme, to mitigate the problems of displaced workers.

Readymade Garments Complex at Jabalpur

†5237. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the contribution of your Ministry in the proposed Readymade Garments Complex at Jabalpur; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No central assistance has been committed for Readymade Garments Complex at Jabalpur under the "Apparel Park for Exports" scheme.

Crisis in Textile Industry in Gujarat

5238. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the closure of number of textile mills have created a serious crisis in the textile industry, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the number of mills closed and the ones on the verge of closure;

(c) whether the crisis has been further accentuated as a result of the recent disturbances in Ahmedabad; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.